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SUBJ: GOC REACTION TO CONSUMER/PRODUCER PREPCON

1. OTTAWA JOURNAL OF APRIL 17 QUOTES ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES MINISTER MACDONALD AS STATING THAT, WHILE THE GOC STILL HOPES AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OIL CAN BE ARRANGED, "WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT IF NECESSARY". MACDONALD REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT CANADA WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY AGREEING TO DISCUSS TRADE OF OTHER RAW MATERIALS AT THE CONFERENCE, POINTING OUT THAT CANADA ALSO EXPORTS LARGE VOLUMES OF BASE METALS AND GRAIN. HOWEVER, THE MINISTER SAID, SINCE THE GOC WASN'T INVOLVED IN THE PARIS MEETING THERE WAS NOT MUCH DIRECT ACTION IT COULD TAKE TO GET THE TALKS RESUMED.

2. IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON APRIL 17, ACTING EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP WAS CLOSELY QUESTIONED BY OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD ON THE PREPCON. SHARP STATED, "THE GENERAL VIEW OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE CONFERENCE IS THAT WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT IT CONCENTRATE ON ENERGY AND CLOSELY RELATED MATTERS... HAD WE BEEN PRESENT WE WOULD HAVE SOUGHT A COMPROMISE." SHARP CONTINUED, IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, BY REPEATING THAT THE GOC IS "STILL HOPEFUL ... THAT SOME COMPROMISE CAN BE REACHED." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "WE WOULD NOT WANT UNCLASSIFIED

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A CONFERENCE THAT WAS SO WIDE IN ITS SCOPE AS TO HAVE VERY LITTLE INFLUENCE ON THE FIELD OF ENERGY, WHICH IS OUR PRIME INTEREST." PORTER

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